

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell and Marian Bell Fairchild to Alexander Graham Bell, March 14, 1909, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. (March 14, 1909) My darling Alec:

I imagine you in your secure retreat, at the house-boat. Are you walking up and down on the roof clad in your fur overcoat and not very much else? And what are you thinking of Sandie dear? I am beginning to feel that I want you back by me. I miss you all the time, at the same time I am glad you are not here, there is so little here for you in comparison to your busy life in Beinn Bhreagh. But I want more share in it.

I have had no letter for two days now and I get nervous when I don't, for were you not to write before your daily dictation.

I went to the Volta Bureau yesterday and looked over Mr. Isawa's books and I can't understand how I ever missed seeing all the pages and pages of symbols they contain. Half of one book is practically given up to what is evidently sentences in the symbols with the Japanese character translations. The printing of the title page with my review of the book has already produced an effect, for requests have come for it. So I told Mr. Booth to write and order twenty-five copies each of all his three books. But I was surprised and confounded to have Mr. Booth show me a copy of a letter he had sent Mr. Isawa in which he said that "M. Gardiner was the pen name of Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell!" I am quite sure now of what I have been suspecting, that he has told people quite openly who M. Gardiner was. Of course he doesn't realize that it is a breach of confidence, but isn't it strange he shouldn't. He is really a very nice man and there

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The carriage is here and Mother's gone up to get her things on. Sandie is running round and round and he talks so plainly now that Mother can understand a lot that he says.

Much love to you all.

Lovingly, Daisy. March 14, 1909.